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Honorable Dennis DeConcini
United States Senate
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Dear Senator DeConcini:

This is in reply to your letter of January 27, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Jack Finn, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

Mr. Finn is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due February 26, 1993, and Reply Comments are due April 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued near the end of 1993. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ralph A. Haller", written in a cursive style.

Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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January 27, 1993

The attached inquiry from:

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is respectfully referred to:

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Your comments regarding this matter will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,


DENNIS DeCONCINI
United States Senator

Please reply to:

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Washington, D.C. 20510

attention: Ms. Susan D. Scott

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January 20, 1993

The Honorable Dennis DeConcini
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Senator:

Reference: Notice of Proposed Rule Making PR Docket 92-235

I am a retired Electronics Avionics Systems Engineer enjoying the climate (except for all the rain this year) and people of Arizona. I have built and flown model airplanes since the fourth grade. This hobby has given me a tremendous amount of enjoyment and relaxation. I have served as an officer in several clubs and also in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. I have competed in local and national model airplane contests and once held the world endurance record for powered radio control model aircraft.

As an avionics systems engineer I worked on a variety of military aircraft from the F-102/106 to Air Force One. I appreciate the fact that there is a limited RF spectrum available for assignment to the many and varified user requests. Docket 92-235 is being requested by a multimillion dollar company. I realize an industry the size of the radio control business cannot compete dollar-wise. However, the Academy of Model Aeronautics spent considerable time obtaining the present frequencies 72-76 MHZ and working with industry to ensure that the required radio control equipment be developed that would operate safely in conjunction with the land mobile frequencies. PR Docket 92-235 proposes to add additional land mobile frequencies close enough to our frequencies to cause a potential interference problem. This problem could result in lose of control of the model airplane and presents a real safety hazard.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics and the model flyers have gone to great lengths to ensure the safety of our hobby and the public. The radio control hobby has been continuing to grow in recent years and gives enjoyment and relaxation to the public and modelers.

I do not feel the FCC should provide the land mobile radio users additional frequencies at the expense of radio control modelers. The modelers have a considerable investment in their models and radio equipment. If Docket 92-235 is implemented, it will greatly reduce the number of frequencies available to the modelers and, at a great expense, require many modelers to either buy new equipment or change the frequency of their present equipment.

As Senator from Arizona, I am asking your help to stop implementation of Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,



Jack Finn
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